

## NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

### **Application of Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC, an EnergySolutions Company for Adjustment in the Levels of Allowable Costs and for Identification of Allowable Costs (Fiscal Year 2021-2022)**

#### **Why is this Notice Important?\***

- The Public Service Commission has scheduled a public hearing.
- The Public Service Commission determines annually the allowable costs of Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC.
- This Notice is for persons interested in Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC's annual allowable costs proceedings.
- The Atlantic Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Implementation Act authorizes and directs the Public Service Commission "to identify allowable costs for operating a regional low-level radioactive waste disposal facility in South Carolina."

#### **What are allowable costs?**

- Allowable costs are "costs to a disposal site operator of operating a regional disposal facility." S.C. Code Ann. Section 48-46-30(1)
- Allowable costs "are limited to costs determined by standard accounting practices and regulatory findings to be associated with facility operations." S.C. Code Ann. Section 48-46-30(1)
- Allowable costs expressly include the costs of certain specifically identified activities necessary in the operation of a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility and include "any other costs directly associated with disposal operations determined by [the Commission] to be allowable." S.C. Code Ann. Section 48-46-40(B)(3)

#### **What is Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC asking the Public Service Commission to approve?**

- Fixed Costs
  - Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC proposes no adjustment for allowable fixed costs in this case.
  - The Application states the actual fixed costs in this case are less than the fixed costs identified in Commission Order No. 2021-412.
- Variable Labor and Non-Labor Costs
  - Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC proposes an adjustment of \$10,210.22 for variable labor and non-labor costs in this case.
- Vault Costs
  - Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC proposes no adjustment in the vault costs for this case.
  - The actual incurred total cost for routine disposal vaults was less than the calculated rates in Order No. 2021-412 and the volumes of each type of waste received in Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- Irregular Costs
  - Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC requests an adjustment of \$20,192 for irregular costs in this case.
  - Total irregular costs incurred in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are \$20,192 more than the costs identified in Order No. 2020-412 of \$577,277.

**To read all of the issues involved in this case, please view the full case file at**  
<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117604>.

#### **Who is the Public Service Commission (PSC)?**

The Public Service Commission is responsible for identifying the allowable costs for operating a regional low-level radioactive waste disposal facility in South Carolina like the business operated by Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC.



What is the Case Number?	Docket No. 2021-13-A
Where can I find this Case on the internet?	<a href="https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117604">https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117604</a>
Who Filed this Case?	Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC
When will the Commission hear the Company's case?*	<b>Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This hearing is virtual unless changed by the Commission.</b>
	<b>Where:</b> 101 Executive Center Drive, Hearing Room Columbia, South Carolina 29210  <b><u>Livestream the Hearing</u></b> at <a href="https://www.sctv.org/psc">https://www.sctv.org/psc</a>
How can I participate in the Company's case?	<p><b>Option 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File Public Comments or Letters of Protest by emailing <a href="mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov">contact@psc.sc.gov</a></li> </ul> <p>-OR-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mail Public Comments or Letters of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210</li> </ul> <p><b>Option 2:</b> File a Petition to Intervene to become an Intervenor. An Intervenor has the right to testify, cross-examine witnesses, and appeal the Commission's final decision. You may file a Petition to Intervene by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emailing <a href="mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov">contact@psc.sc.gov</a> no later than <b>Thursday, January 6, 2022</b></li> </ul> <p>-OR-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mailing a Petition to Intervene to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 no later than <b>Thursday, January 6, 2022</b> Please include your email address.</li> </ul> <p><b>You must give a copy of your petition to intervene to all Parties in this case.</b></p>

\*The Case was filed according to S.C. Code Ann. § 48-46-40(B)(4)

\*\*This Hearing has been scheduled according to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Title 48, Chapter 46 of the South Carolina Code and S.C. Code Ann. Section 48-46-40(B)(9).

#### Who can I talk to about this Notice?

Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC	803-771-8900
Office of Regulatory Staff	803-737-5230 or 1-800-922-1531
Department of Consumer Affairs	803-734-4200 or 1-800-922-1594
Public Service Commission	803-896-5100

**If the tariffs in this case contain a request for change of rates, the rates could be changed by the Commission in this case.**

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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